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The undersigned has recently become aware that the Examiner did not initial next to the document entitled Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1996, No. 02, 29 February 1996 (for JP 07 255546 A of Okamura Corp.) on the PTO/SB/08a form returned with the Office Action mailed August 1, 2006. The document was originally submitted with a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 5, 2005.

Consideration of this reference is again respectfully requested together with a return of the PTO/SB/08a initialed by the Examiner indicating the same. Copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 5, 2005, the date-stamped receipt card, the PTO/SB/08a form, and a copy of the reference mentioned above, are attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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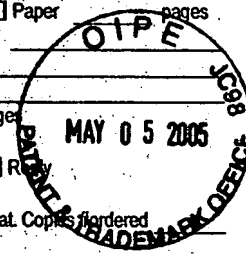
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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) Applicants submit herewith the references cited on the attached PTO form 1449.

Each item of information contained herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

These documents were cited by the European Patent Office for corresponding European Application No. EP 04 02 1347. A copy of the search report is also enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

As an English language abstract is not available for DE 88 09 055.8, we point out that the documents cited in the search report are not considered relevant, and provided for technological background only.

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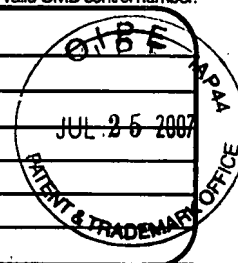
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